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## Hope's Kruizenga Art Museum opens

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After months of waiting, the Kruizenga Art Museum (KAM) has finished construction. Located on Columbia Avenue in between the De Pree Art Center and Martha Miller, the KAM is 15,000 square feet and covers an area of 2.4 acres. The exterior of the building is black slate panels, creating a satisfying contrast from the surrounding red-bricked buildings and adding a Modernist style to campus. The building itself is meant to act as a "teaching museum" and is intended to support Hope College's educational mission. The KAM's main focus will be creating displays drawn mainly from the collection that relate to the school's academic disciplines.

"The college has been collecting an array of art between 1965 and the present," Emilie DeFrain ('15), KAM's Visitor Services Coordinator, said. "[The collected art pieces] have been in storage for so long and we're finally able to



PHOTO BY SAM COLE

**NEW GALLERY ENRICHES CAMPUS—** The new museum offers a home to the art that has been stored over the decades, spotlighting works from professional artists around the world.

showcase them to the public."

The art collection, spanning decades, consists of about 1,000 pieces that have been either donated to or purchased by Hope. Compared to the De Pree Art Center, which showcases student art pieces, the KAM will feature only works by known professionals. The KAM exhibits are expected to change

once every semester. Once the new museum is officially open, at least 30 percent of the permanent art collection will be new to the public. The permanent collection includes the Maurice Kawashima Collection of Japanese Ceramics and the Orville Beattie Collection of Modern Prints with portions of the collection

dating back to the 1600s. The various art mediums in the collection consist of paintings, sculptures, prints, decorative arts and religious objects. Hope's collection showcases art by Benton, Chagall, Moore, Miró and Picasso, and also features Dutch artists like Hendrik Mesdag.

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## Holland's Civic Center to be renovated

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Holland's dilapidated Civic Center may soon be getting a new lease on life. A proposed \$11 million renovation for the downtown auditorium and community center, a few blocks west of Hope College's campus, promises to enhance the facility and make it relevant for the 21st century.

Current plans include a general interior renovation, a new glass atrium, air conditioning, handicap accessibility and completely remodeled bathrooms. All the changes are intended to make the aging Civic Center a more viable event space.

The site plan also includes the elimination of approximately 175 parking spaces to make room for a new park greenway complete with ice-skating rink, band shelter and children's sculpture garden among other amenities. Officials say that the new park is meant to better connect downtown to the Lake Macatawa waterfront. The greenway proposal, however, has caused considerable controversy among Holland residents.

The current development push was kicked off by an anonymous \$2 million dollar donation over in June, which came just in time to save the 1954 building from being pounded into the pages of history by a wrecking ball.

The building's poor condition affected many in the Holland community, including Hope students. Deteriorating and unsafe conditions at the Civic Center were cited by organizers of Hope's annual Nykerk Cup Competition as one of the main reason they chose to move the event to the DeVos Fieldhouse last fall despite almost 60 years of tradition in the Civic Center.

An Anchor article in September 2014 detailed the problems the Civic Center faced, including considerable flooding in the building's basement, which threatened vital systems. The cost of required renovations had many city officials calling for demolition.

The large anonymous dona-

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## Don't drop the rope: The Pull 2015

The Pull's 118th year is two and a half weeks away; here is the history behind the tradition



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**BRINGING IT IN—** Pullers and moralers bring in the rope to be pulled during last year's Pull. It was loaded onto a truck to be transported to the Black River.

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The Pull is a tradition about as old as Hope College itself. It began in 1898, with 18 pullers and 18 moralers on both teams. Pullers are those who tug the rope and push themselves to exhaustion during the event while moralers keep their respective puller's mental balance in check by cheering them on and telling them to never give into the excruciating pain.

This year's match-up pits the class of 2018 sophomores and the freshman class of 2019. Those who survive the two-week training will be put to the test physically as well as mentally on Pull Day. In the trenches, pullers can be stuck there pulling for up to three hours, in a very grueling competition. The 118-year-old tradition is one of the most storied in Hope's history.

Here are some fast facts about this extraordinary competition:

The longest Pull ever (1977) was three hours and fifty-one

minutes, the shortest (1956) was only 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

Even Year holds the crown with the most wins with 55 compared to the Odd Year's 43. However, Odd Year has been closing the gap in recent years.

There have been only two classes to win all four years, in 1934 and 1936 (two as pullers and two as coaches).

In the last 100 years, there have only been four draws in The Pull's history (1916, 1926, 1952, 1977).

Since its start in 1898, The Pull hasn't been held four times, three of them due to the World Wars in 1918, 1943 and 1944 and again in 1957 due to a widespread flu epidemic.

Last year, the sophomore class of 2017 won The Pull and defeated the freshman class of 2018.

One hundred years earlier, the freshmen of 1919 upset the sophomores of 1918.

Recent history also favors the Odd Year, as the class of 2015 took two straight wins in

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"Free Brady" has become a reality. Rejoice, or become angry fans and fantasy players.

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

**Wednesday Sept. 9**  
**Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society**  
 Hope College's new health professions advisor Marikay Dobbins will introduce herself and the new direction of pre-health advising at Hope. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Schaap Science Center.

**Thursday Sept. 10**  
**Van Raalte Institute Lecture Series: Donald Luidens**  
 "Seeds of Hope, Seeds of Hate: A Love Story (Begins)" will be presented by retired Hope College professor Dr. Donald A. Luidens. The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. in the Fried-Hemway Auditorium.

**Thursday Sept. 10**  
**Tony Monaco Trio Concert**  
 Jazz organist Tony Monaco will perform with his trio at Our Brewing Company. Admission is free, and the concert will begin at 9 p.m.

**Friday Sept. 11**  
**The Mentalist**  
 The Mentalist is back at Hope College this Friday at the Knickerbocker Theater. He will blow your mind with the many tricks that he has up his sleeve. The show starts at 8:30 p.m.

## IN BRIEF

## TIME TO SERVE

Hope College's Time to Serve is Saturday, Sept. 12. Freshmen will serve the surrounding Holland community from 10 a.m. to roughly 2:30 p.m. The program has grown to roughly 24 sites of service and over 300 students will be serving the community. This is the first of Hope's three huge community events, which include "Relay for Life" and "Dance Marathon".

## HOPE'S MORTAR BOARD CHAPTER HONORED

The Hope College chapter of Mortar Board won big this summer at the national organization's summer conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Hope's chapter took home a Golden Touch Award and 28 Project Excellence Awards, more than any other chapter. Mortar Board is a national honor society for high-achieving students that offers them opportunities for continued leadership development and promotes service at colleges throughout the country.

## SPAM EMAILS

If you are receiving suspicious emails this week containing unmarked links, you are not alone. There is a large bout of SPAM currently sweeping through the campus email system. If you are receiving these emails, please click the "report spam" button in your Hope email account to report the email to Computing and Information Technology (CIT). If you suspect your account has been hacked, immediately contact CIT at 616-395-7670.

## Awaited Civic Center renovation proposal sparks controversy

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tion combined with engineering reports that show the building's structural bones were in better shape than originally thought, however, tilted the scales toward renovation in June 2015 when then Mayor Kurt Dykstra announced the plan on his final day in office.

"The investment [in the Civic Center] will transform it, remodel it, restore it and make it functional into the future," Dykstra said. "Despite the tired, old feel of a 60-year-old building, the bones of this structure are incredibly solid. It's time for it to be refreshed."

Despite Dykstra's optimism, the announced plans were not met with universal accolades. Although there seems to be support for interior renovations to the facility, considerable opposition has emerged to the idea of constructing the new park in what is now a large parking lot.

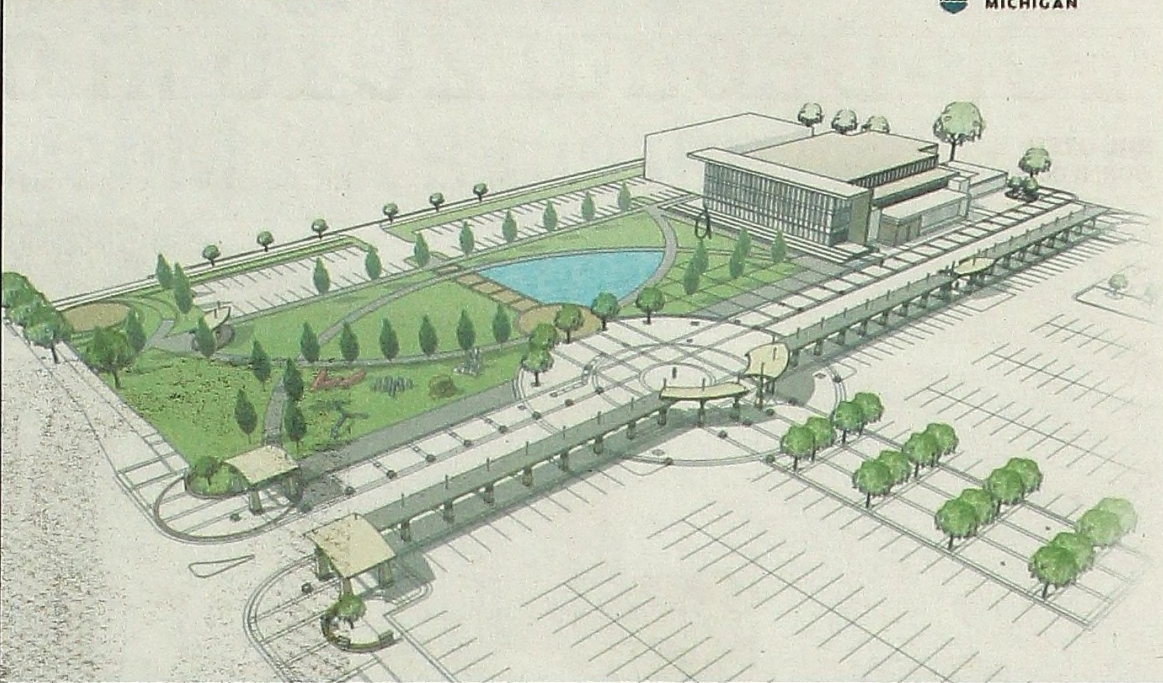
Many merchants and patrons of the popular twice-weekly Holland farmer's market, which takes place in-front of the Civic Center, voiced their opposition in city meetings about the project.

They worry a lack of parking may drive away many of the tourists and local patrons who have made the market profitable.

"On paper, the concept looks like a good idea; however, if I can't find a parking space, then I'm going to Meijer," farmer's market patron Sharon Adcock ('78) told the Holland Sentinel at a meeting about the project.

Such complaints caused city officials to form a new committee including representatives for various stakeholders in the area

## Civic Center Northeast Aerial View



Holland  
MICHIGAN

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND

**A VIEW OF THE FUTURE?—** A rendering of the current proposed site plan for a renovated Holland Civic Center. The new park shown in the drawing has sparked controversy among farmer's market vendors and patrons because it eliminates a large amount of parking.

to reevaluate the current site plan. A revised site plan is expected to be complete by early 2016 with renovations tentatively scheduled for completion by fall of 2017.

The upcoming renovations, however, will likely not be enough for planners of the Nykerk Cup to restore the competition to its traditional Civic Center.

"While it had many great years at the Civic Center, we are happy to be 'home' with Nykerk, having it physically on campus; it promotes more campus collaboration and easy access for all students," Claire Leitzen ('16), the current Nykerk Committee Chair, said. "While the renovations of the historic Civic Center are exciting, I don't see us returning there anytime soon."



PHOTO BY SAM COLE

**THE PRESENT —** The Holland Civic Center shows its current, tired front entrance that will soon be replaced.

## The Pull's upcoming 118th year

♦ **Pull preview,**  
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2011 and 2012. The Even Years reclaimed the title two years ago in 2013 year but will meet a challenging Odd Year team led by a very seasoned junior class.

In the past five years, Odd Year has the record 4-1.

The Pull has favored the sophomore teams overall, and since 2000, the freshman teams have won only twice.

Finally, for those who haven't experienced The Pull, there is a reflection page at hope.edu that gives some insight from past participants. One of those reflections by Lee Veldhoff ('86) gave an idea of how the strategy of The Pull can change as the two teams try to out-do each other.

"Our team's method of eliminating such changes in rope tension was to have the pullers in pits 1, 2 and 3 strain while the remaining pullers inched up and heaved. In this way, pullers 1, 2 and 3 would effectively disguise the upcoming heave being thrown by the remaining 15 pullers. The risk to this ap-

proach was that only 15 pullers would throw the heave against 18 members of the opposing team. The benefit was that the opponent would not know the heave was coming. The '86 team won The Pull quite easily that year, perhaps due in part to our new strategy."

Even with statistics, what The Pull really comes down to is its members. The event is won and lost based on their teamwork and bond that they forge while pulling and cheering in their pits.

As we, The Anchor, said in 1898, "Come out and see the tug-of-war between the Sophomores and the A's and Freshmen."

Transportation is available for students to go see The Pull on Sept. 26. Buses will shuttle students from the flagpole outside Dewitt to their respective sides of the Black River.

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## PERSPECTIVES

# GOP Debate 2015 in one-page recap

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**Donald Trump:** The face of mockery for the American presidential elections, a prime-time entertainer, a hero to some Americans and enemy of anyone who is seemingly not a white, conservative, wealthy male. He has been occupying the media since June 16, when he formally announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination.

The GOP Presidential Debate hosted by Fox News was no exception to his spotlight chasing, as all two hours of the debate were overshadowed by Trump. The attention on Trump may have skewed the way the audience listened to and heard from the other nine candidates. So, with that, here is a brief overview of those other Presidential candidates.

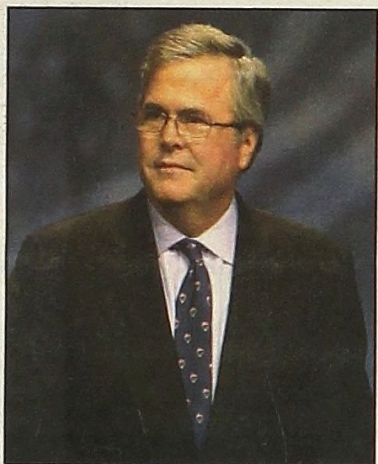
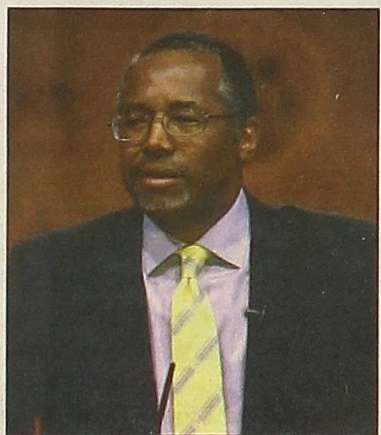


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**Jeb Bush**

In order to tackle the question of dynastic politics, the Florida governor focused on his economic achievements, which included balancing various budgets in the state. On the issue of unemployment, he firmly stated that he would keep his four percent growth promise by cutting less tax from the working class. On social issues, such as abortion, Bush took a milder stance as he mentioned family-friendly organizations that he has helped fund.



**Ben Carson**

A neurosurgeon, Carson claimed that Baltic States are not part of North Atlantic Treaty Organization and said he could make up for being an inexperienced politician by being a quick learner. He also mentioned that politicians did not find the U.S. (which is

historically false as John Adams was a well-educated political theorist).

On the second round, the candidate blamed Clinton for "taking advantage of useful idiots," referring to the Democrats who support her. He further stated that it was the progressive movements that were getting the nation into trouble.

Carson also expressed his concern on safety, mentioning that our army is the weakest it has been in recent history; hence he would strengthen the army before he would try to solve other international issues.

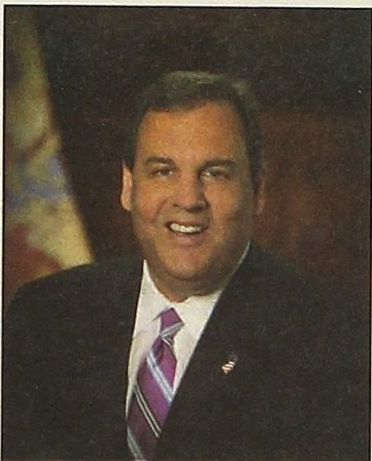


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**Chris Christie**

The New Jersey governor was asked if he could successfully manage the country's spending when his state's credit score fell by nine points during his time as governor.

Christie defended that he would be excellent at that duty and listed his accomplishments as being the governor, highlighting the private sector jobs he has created over the years he has been in office. Regarding the military, Christie stood with Dr. Carson, agreeing that the solution for defense lies under expanding the military forces.

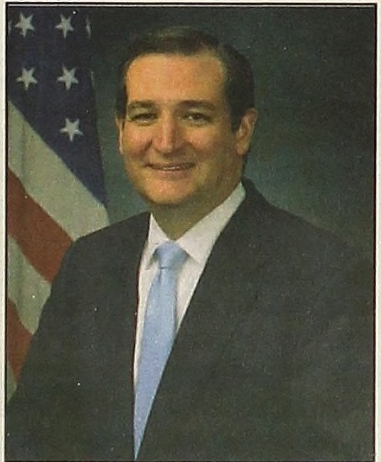


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**Ted Cruz**

The Senator who was blamed for not representing the interests of the Republican Party and having a "toxic relationship" with the GOP leaders, is representing Texas for the Republican Party. As a defense he, very politely, mentioned that he is being critical of the party in the name of being honest. Cruz also blamed Obama and Clinton for the cyber warfare hacks claimed by Russia and China.

He also credited such actions as being as horrifying as any other acts of war, confidently stating that Iran has secretly been involved in cyberwarfare all along.



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**Mike Huckabee**

The Governor of Arkansas answered the question on abortion and LGBT rights by blaming the Supreme Court's so-to-speak super power as unruly, adding that an unborn child's rights are protected by the constitution. Next, he was challenged on his stance on social security, and the governor defended his position by stating that the government is guilty for the system, not the people, hence the public should not be punished for it.

Also, Huckabee added that if anything, Congress should be the one to lose their retirement plan first. Surprisingly, on the Iran deal, Huckabee did not make a very strong stance, yet has criticized President Obama.

The governor, however, was not as mild about the military acceptance issues as he commented, "The military is not a social experiment; the purpose of the military is to kill people and break things" and followed up with, "I'm not sure how paying for transgender surgery for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines makes our country safer."



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**John Kasich**

The first question directed to Ohio governor was focused on the big government subject. He reasoned spreading Medicaid in his state with a religious twist. On the "Clinton" topic, the question directed at him was revolving

around how he would fight back against Hillary Clinton's statement that, "Republicans do not care about minorities, women or the middle class."

His response was that economic growth is the key to absolutely everything: tiptoeing around a real answer. Kasich, not much of a divisive factor, also showed support to LGBT minorities by saying, "everyone deserves a chance."

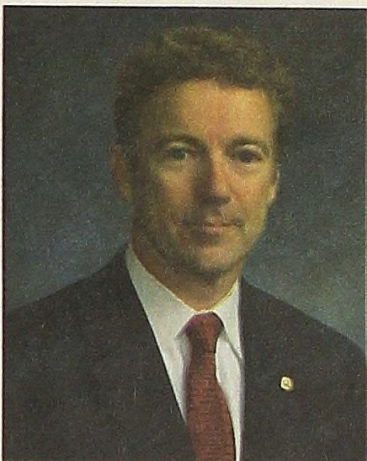


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**Rand Paul**

The candidate touched base with the foreign policy and defended that Republican Party has part of the blame since they have been arming prior enemies, which are today's allies on fight against ISIS.

Paul also approached the Iran deal in a less destructive way and claimed that he would keep the sanctions until he saw a solid proof of compliance. Also, he stated that he would cut funding for the other countries such as Israel, highlighting that the US can no longer afford supporting others.

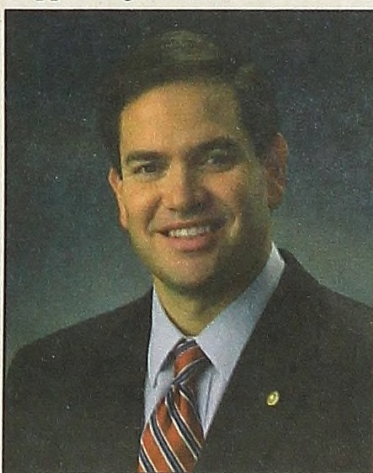


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**Marco Rubio**

He was directed a question quoting his comments on Jeb Bush's nomination announcement and instead of addressing Bush on why he himself is more qualified, he chose to attack Clinton. With the subject of the economy, Rubio stated that he is highly concerned about America's future.

The Florida Senator also took a very intolerant stance on abortion, defending every life should be protected regardless of any circumstances, while not fighting for the other lives such as immigrants as passionately in his campaign.

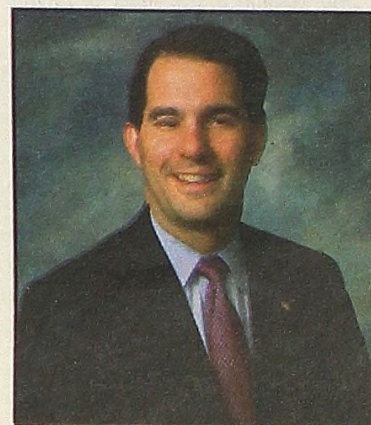


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**Scott Walker**

The Governor of Wisconsin was asked about his stance on abortion and his response was not much of an answer, but rather was a criticism of Clinton's take on the subject. Also to he mentioned that abortion should still be illegal, even in a case of mother's life being in danger: claiming other measures can be taken for the mother's health.

Later in the debate, the moderator cornered the governor about his promise on job growth which he failed to keep. Walker defended his position by stating he lowered the unemployment from eight percent to roughly four percent and said that he was just aiming high with the promised numbers. He also very clearly expressed that he would immediately terminate the Iran deal while intermingling ISIS with Iran in his statement. However, the Wisconsin Governor said he would send weapons to Ukraine and other NATO countries in the area, to deal with Russia.

According to the poll NBC/Marist held on the New Hampshire Republican Presidential Primary Race, on Sept. 6, Trump is leading the group by 28 points; followed distantly by Kasich with 12, Carson with eleven points. As the top three are considerably spread apart on the score board, the rest of the candidates are much closer to each other in terms of the points. Dynastic politics' Republican face, Jeb Bush, seems to be the fourth figure in the race with eight points; closely chased by Fiorina with six points.

The rest of the GOP presidential candidates share five points and below amongst each other: Cruz and Christie at five points, Walker at four, Rubio at three points, followed by Huckabee with two, Graham and Jindal struggling at one point.

The next GOP debate, which may shake up the scoreboard, will be held in Simi Valley, California on Sept. 14, sponsored by CNN.

While it might be early in the election season, by what we have seen thus far, it might be a critical for one the Republican candidates.



## THIS WEEK IN QUOTES

"Say it loud; say it clear; refugees are welcome here."

— Volunteers in Germany welcoming thousands of refugees to their nation bearing gifts of fruit, candy and toys for the exhausted Syrians.

"Everybody here feels cold and tired, and nobody wants to stay here, but there's no buses... One bus every two hours, and there's about 500 [people], maybe more. The situation is very, very bad."

— Amer, former student and current refugee from Damascus, the capital city of Syria, remarking on the plight of refugees in Hungary.

"We in Russia... said several years ago that there would be massive problems if our so-called western partners conduct what I have always called the 'wrong' foreign policy, especially in regions of the Muslim World, the Middle East and North Africa."

— Vladimir Putin on criticizing Western nation's actions in the current affairs of the Middle East.

"We would like them to release [Kim Davis] from jail and provide reasonable, sensible accommodations so she can do her job. That would be taking her name off of marriage licenses in Rowan County and allowing her deputies to issue the licenses."

— Horatio Mihet, one of Kim Davis' lawyers. She is currently behind bars due to contempt of the court for refusing to issue marriage licenses.

"It is Kim Jong Un's regime that is the most unstable. And it is going to be the shortest. [He is] despicable human scum, worse than a dog. Kim Jong Un is mistaken that he can control his people and maintain his regime by executing his enemies. There's fear among high officials that at any time they can be targets. The general public will continue to lose their trust in him as a leader by witnessing him being willing to kill his own uncle."

— A recent defector from North Korea who ranked among the top officials in Pyongyang.

"(The email controversy) hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign or the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country... And I still feel very confident about the organization and the message that my campaign is putting out."

— Hillary Clinton, Democratic Presidential candidate, stated regarding her well known email scandal.

# Overview of ISIS organization

## A quick look at the history and warfare of current terrorism across the Middle East

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GUEST WRITER

Over the past few years, ISIS has become an organization whose name has filled the evening news.

The militant group started striking fear in many countries throughout the world with their horrible and inhumane acts of terror around certain parts of the Middle East.

ISIS is an extremist organization that has existed since 1999. We only recently began hearing their name due to their affiliation with Iraq's land in 2006 and their conquering of some parts of the Levant in 2013.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, colloquially known as ISIS, is a Salafi (Salafism is an ultra-conservative Islam movement within Sunni Islam), Jihadist (Jihad means war against unbelievers), extremist, militant group.

ISIS's main desire is to form a caliphate, or a massive empire throughout the globe whose legal code is based on Sharia law. Currently, they are implementing these beliefs in Iraq, Syria, Palestine and Jordan.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is the current leader of ISIS; he was also known for his affiliation with al-Qaeda. The U.S., the EU (European Union), Turkey,

the United Kingdom and some other countries have accepted ISIS as a terrorist organization.

The terrorist group separated from al-Qaeda when they announced that they don't recognize ISIS's autonomy in Syria.

Since March 2015, the Islamic State has control over territories that are occupied by over 10 million people, and it's believed to have an army of six to seven thousand soldiers in Syria and over 10,000 in Iraq.

ISIS has conquered the oil-rich city Rakka and Deyr Ez-Zor in Syria. They are also strong in Fallujah and Ramadi, towns in Iraq.

The latest city they conquered was Mosul, which is one of the biggest cities in Iraq. This simply shows how powerful and threatening ISIS is.

Two million people used to inhabit Mosul, but most of them fled (including the police and military) when they understood that ISIS was advancing months ago.

The U.S. currently views ISIS as one of the globe's largest threats, as well as one of America's greatest threats. Jen Paski, current White House communications director, announced that ISIS is not only a threat for Iraq and Syria, but

that they are a big danger for the whole of the Middle East and "we should take stance against this common enemy."

The danger of ISIS has been spreading rather quickly. Their presence has been reported in Turkey, even in the far west side of the country in Istanbul.

Istanbul, a historic city that has gone by the names Byzantium and Constantinople, sprawls across both Asia and Europe.

Even though hesitant at first, the Turkish Government agreed to play a more active role against Islamic terrorist groups. Turkey recently joined the U.S.-led coalition airstrikes against ISIS in Syria in order to drive the terrorists off their soil, although the government has been criticized for giving arms to ISIS.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has called the extremist terrorist organization a "war criminal" after their attacks on Palmyra's antique cities and historical sites, as well as their multiple inhumane killings (beheadings, burning alive and even throwing people off of tall buildings).

People seem to be baffled as to how this organization became



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**MILITANTS IN MIDDLE EAST — ISIS is a modern terrorist organization which utilizes social media and other Internet-based tools to promote their goals. No other internationally known terrorist group has used media like this.**

so powerful. There are many different answers people give to this.

Some believe that certain Middle-Eastern countries allegedly helped and supported ISIS with funds, weapons and manpower.

This self-proclaimed nation has killed countless people and displaced millions of others. They have taken people's land and threatened any who seem to be in their way. They have destroyed historical landmarks, modern cultures and ancient remnants of humanity's past. They are further serving to stigmatize Muslims who are living in the West.

# Analyzing US-Saudi arms deal

## A thorough look at the history, politics and religious ideals that shape our politics

**Ryan Skowneck**  
GUEST WRITER

"We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

— DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

In 2011, the United States exported over \$85 billion in weaponry to foreign countries, including Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Many small arms have found their way into the hands of extremist groups, like the surging Islamic State. Now, the United States is nearing the final stages of a \$1 billion deal with Sunni-controlled Saudi Arabia in order to ease tensions over the nuclear pact with Shiite-controlled Iran.

The animosity between Sunni and Shia Muslims has led to several violent conflicts in the last 15 years.

After the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the fall of Saddam Hussein, who had previously been backed by the United States during the Iran-Iraq War, the Shia majority overthrew the Sunni minority.

The failure of the Coalition

Provisional Authority (CPA) in establishing a functional transitional government culminated in 2006 when a civil war broke out in Iraq with Sunni rebel groups like al-Qaeda seeking to reclaim power from the Shiites.

The indiscriminate disposal of Saddam's Ba'ath Party employees removed the nation's most competent individuals solely because of their Ba'ath membership without accounting for the offer most were given: join or suffer.

This embarrassing lack of proper planning by the CPA and absent leadership from both Walter Slocombe and Paul Bremer in the aftermath of the 2003 Invasion of Iraq led directly to the formation of the Islamic State.

Subsequently, they thrived alongside the aggravation of the dismantled Iraqi army, unemployed Ba'ath Party members and crumbling landmarks such as the Iraq National Library and the Minaret al-Malwiya.

These blows to Iraq's economy, cultural heritage and communal psyche left a void that ISIS is filling.

Similar events unfolded five years later during the Arab Spring when Syrian President Bashar al-Assad refused to resign and launched a civil war against his own people.

The Saudi-funded Islamic State, having trained for years in the hollowed-out remnants of Iraq, exploited the turmoil to take control of Syria. As the caliphate became more severe and uncontrollable, Saudi Arabia withdrew support.

It has long been understood that the House of Saud, the ruling class of Saudi Arabia, has funded terrorist organizations, subjugated women and implemented capital punishment for homosexuality and blasphemy.

Saudi Arabia's practice of Wahhabism, the most austere interpretation of Islam, inspired the brutal ideology of the Islamic State and the Saudi Arabian-born former head of Al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden.

The House of Saud has also been linked to the funding of the Sept. 11 attacks. Nevertheless, the United States continues to maintain their alliance and trade relations with Saudi Arabia for their oil reserves.

The United States' abysmal track record for instating regime changes resembles the Sisyphean antics of Wile E. Coyote. The United States will continue to finance coups, which will continue to backfire and spawn vindictive populaces.

In many cases, such intermissions only resulted in aggressive antagonization of Americans

and American ideals, which also hints that today's terrorism problem partially roots from the same hatred. For countries that manufacture weapons, war is an enticing and lucrative business model.

The United States overseas weapons sales comprised three-quarters of the global arms market in 2011. When weapons happen to fall into the wrong hands, it is easier to justify war against unknown and well-armed enemies.

The basic scheme for a military-industrial complex is simple enough: Start a war (preferably against a lesser power), win the war and let chaos ensue under the guise of poor leadership and incompetence, wait until violent rebels spark another conflict.

With the swell of Middle Eastern proxy wars, the United States can resort to arming the factions rather than confronting them.

Vlogger Ze Frank, discontent with the ambiguous color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System and media frenzies, stated this in 2006 following a foiled terrorist plot in the United Kingdom: "Generalized statements... which instill nebulous fear without specific information are exactly in line with the goals of terrorism."



## Student review of The Tallest Man on Earth Lady Lamb, The Tallest Man on Earth move audience at Dimnent Chapel

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"Due to high demand, The Tallest Man on Earth concert has been moved to Dimnent Chapel," I read, as I walked by the Knickerbocker Theatre. I paused for a second. "I wonder if it is going to be as packed as they think it will be." It was not only packed in both sitting and standing spaces, but it was also a fun crowd of young, old, men, women, hipsters and frat boys. It was clear that the music appealed to more than one audience.

That was how Hope College

hosted Lady Lamb and The Tallest Man on Earth at Dimnent Chapel on an unreasonably hot September night, and it was definitely a concert experience I am glad I had.

The opening band was Lady Lamb. Like her name, she is a true lamb in appearance but a lion with her voice. Even though many did not know the lyrics to her songs, people at the chapel could not help but groove to her music and her angelic voice.

Without any celebrity whim, she made it to the stage exactly at 8 p.m., when the concert was supposed to start. After two great entrance songs, one of

them without any instrumental support, Lady Lamb won over everyone by saying that Michigan has a special place in her heart, her two favorite bands being native Michiganders.

At the end of an hour of performance, she gained the audience's sympathy and appreciation by thanking the crowd for joining her in Dimnent Chapel.

Within 20 minutes of Lady Lamb's departure from the stage, The Tallest Man on Earth appeared ready to perform. For the first two songs, Kristian Matsson and his band kept the hype up and then slowed down for a little bit, throwing jokes

around about performing in a chapel.

The entertaining performance lasted until late at night. When I was walking back to my friend's house with the melody of "Dark Bird is Home" in my head, I noticed that it was the same crowd I saw when I walked into Dimnent. Everyone had smiles on their faces, couples were holding hands, and there was unexplainable serenity in the air.

It was just another great, musically satisfying night at Hope.

For this beautiful event, we have the Student Activities Committee (SAC) to thank.

They proved themselves to be one of the cornerstone student groups on campus and their commitment to be one of the strongest student activities groups in the country.

The past events they sponsored include Gungor and Ingrid Michaelson concerts, as well as Amy Poehler's Upright Citizen's Brigade tour.

This year, we have another event to look forward to: a Ben Rector concert. He visited us in 2014 and showed Holland a great time. He will be joining us on campus once again Sept. 18 in Dimnent Chapel at 8 p.m.



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## Kruizenga Art Museum opens gallery to public Art collected over decades finds home in newly opened museum

♦ **Art Gallery,**  
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Many alumni were responsible for making the KAM possible. David Kamansky and Gerald Wheaton, for example, donated over 500 art works and more than 7,000 art-related books, publications and catalogs, overall worth approximately \$1.25 million.

The leading alumni donation, however, came from the late Margaret Feldemann Kruizenga and her husband Richard Kruizenga ('52), who funded a great deal of the project, as well as provided design inspiration and feedback during the design process.

Matthew VanderBorgh ('84), the director of a Netherlands-based architectural design firm called C Concept Design, worked as the architect for the KAM, and fellow alum Donald Battjes ('68) offered museum design and operations expertise

because he previously worked as Chief of Operations at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

All in all, the KAM's progress was dependent on the support of many alumni.

The KAM will normally be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed on all public and college holidays. Admission to the museum is free; however, donations are encouraged. Proceeds from donations go towards supporting student internships, as well as funding art acquisitions and maintenance.

Students can look forward to an opening exhibition at the KAM in collaboration with the De Pree Art Center on Friday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free and food will be provided in a tent outside. The new art gallery will greatly benefit the Hope and Holland community, and admiring its art will be a new weekend outing for students and teachers alike.



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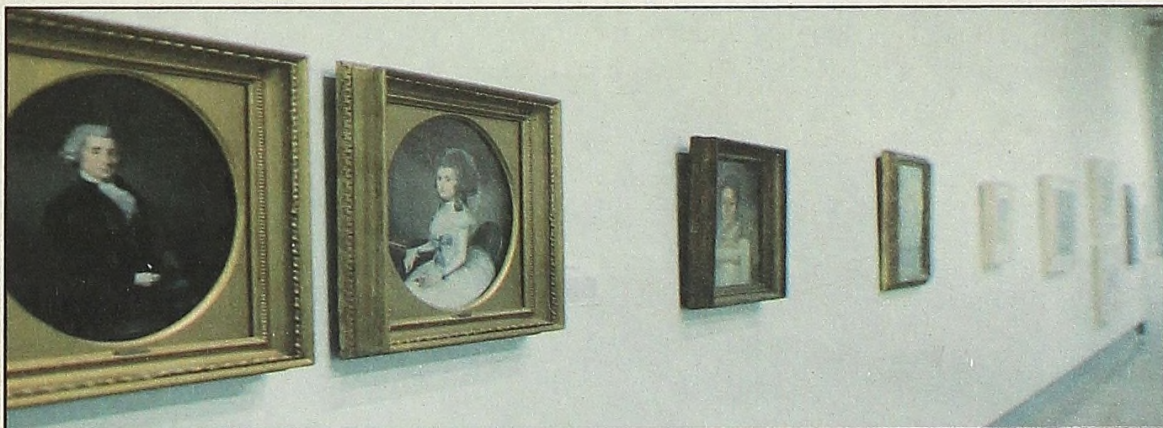


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### THIS WEEK IN ART

"Past Present East West" exhibit -Sept. 9-12  
Kruizenga Art Museum, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Dusk to Dusk: Unsettled, Unraveled, Unreal" -Sept. 9-13  
De Pree exhibit, Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Guest Artist: Ester Rada, Jazz -Sept. 10  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

SAC Event: Coffeehouse -Sept. 10  
The Kletz, 9 p.m.

Kruizenga Art Museum Opening Reception -Sept. 11  
Tent between Kruizenga Art Museum and De Pree, 6-8 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra Choir -Sept. 11  
First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.



# "Straight Outta Compton" is a must-see

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In the past month there have been several new movie releases, but nothing has made me say to myself, "I need to see that."

However, I don't ever turn down a trip to the movie theater, so when my boyfriend asked me to go see "Straight Outta Compton" with him, I went.

I hate rap. That being said, I loved "Straight Outta Compton." The true story of N.W.A and its legendary members was filled with real-life drama and triumphs that ultimately turned me into a fan, not only of their music, but of their personal stories as well.

Opening up onto Eazy-E (Jason Mitchell) the audience is introduced into the cruel reality of the life these five young men were living in Compton, California.

Eazy-E is a drug dealer. Dr. Dre (Corey Hawkins) and D.J. Yella (Neil Brown Jr.) are hustling at a local night club as disk jockeys. However, they aren't allowed to share the music they love.

Elsewhere, Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson Jr.), the real Ice Cube's

son, is writing rhymes on a school bus when it gets pulled over by the Crenshaw Mafia. Together, with MC Ren (Aldis Hodge), these four men form N.W.A, whose first track stayed at the No. 1 spot on the music charts for six weeks.

Along their journey to national fame and recognition, the group picks up manager Jerry Heller (Paul Giamatti) who brings Eazy-E fame and excess but leaves the other members by the wayside.

As a whole, the film goes through N.W.A's rise and descent, as well as the solo careers of Eazy-E, Ice Cube and Dr. Dre.

The film also delves into the personal lives of the musicians, especially Eazy-E's diagnosis and battle with AIDS.

Director F. Gary Gray, along with producers Ice Cube, Dr. Dre and Tomica Woods-Wright, the wife of Eazy-E, casted a group of newcomers for the biopic.

Together they performed like well-seasoned actors and re-recorded the "Straight Outta Compton" soundtrack that was originally released in 1988.

Like I mentioned earlier, rap is not my favorite. However, I think that because I was intro-

duced to the group's story—the rise from nothing to something—I didn't mind the violent and profane language.

This movie is more relevant than ever, due to the increase in media coverage on police brutality. That was one of the things that was eye-opening to me. It may sound ignorant or naïve, but it never occurred to me that the problems the news is highlighting right now have been going on for decades.

To quote the movie, "[Their] art [was] a reflection of [their] reality." These young men wrote songs about their hate for the police because they experienced police brutality first-hand.

The movie about the "world's most dangerous group" has grossed \$168 million since its opening and was the No. 1 movie for three weeks in a row.

If you haven't seen it already, go buy your tickets.

"Straight Outta Compton" came out in August, so get your tickets now to see it while it's still in theaters!

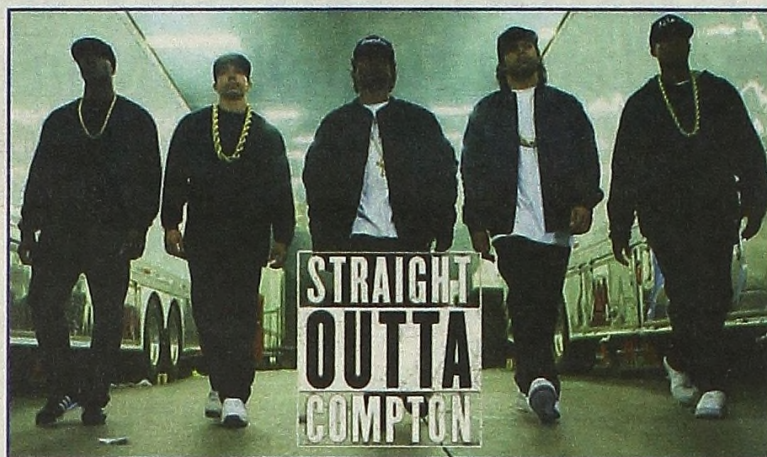


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**FROM COMPTON TO THE BIG SCREEN—N.W.A original members Dr. Dre and Ice Cube helped cast their on-screen counterparts for "Straight Outta Compton."**

## Hope students weigh-in on upcoming flicks

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This fall will deliver a number of different movies from various genres. With so many highly anticipated films hitting theaters, we wanted to get an idea of what Hope students were thinking about this season's list of flicks. With help from some very generous Hope students and an online survey, we were able to do just that. Here's what your peers are looking forward to watching this fall and what they'll be passing up.



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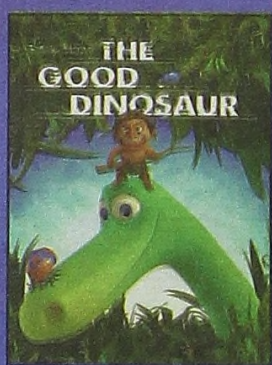


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Pixar may be bringing their latest creation "The Good Dinosaur" to theaters near Thanksgiving, but it's "The Peanuts Movie" that wins this animated head-to-head. This movie will bring Charles M. Schultz's beloved comic strip to life like never before. Complete with Sally, Lucy and good-man Charlie Brown, this movie is sure to tug on all of our heartstrings. Snoopy is sure to crack us all up as well.



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"Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" looks exciting and action-packed from its trailers, but it's no surprise that most Hope students are more excited about the last installment in "The Hunger Games" franchise. "Mockingjay: Part 2" follows everyone's favorite heroine Katniss Everdeen, as she concludes her battle with the evil President Snow. Those who have read the novel will be excited to see how director Frances Lawrence transfers the story to screen, but everyone seems excited to see Katniss back in action one last time.



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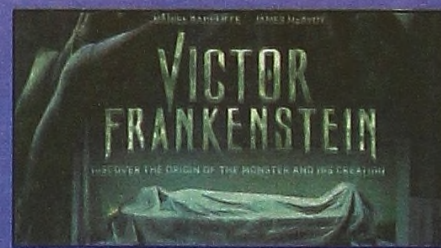


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"Victor Frankenstein" is bound to be incredible with James McAvoy as Dr. Frankenstein and Daniel Radcliffe as Igor. However, girl power trumped this portion of our survey, as more Hope students responded that they couldn't wait for "Sisters." The movie centers on two grown-up sisters who choose to throw one last house party before their parents sell their childhood home. With Tina Fey and Amy Poehler as the leads, this movie is sure to be a laugh-fest.



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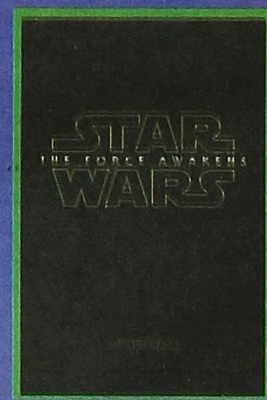


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Although Matt Damon's "The Martian" is receiving hype, nothing compares to the anticipation surrounding the latest Star Wars film. Hope students can't wait to revisit the galaxy far, far away, as well as their favorite characters, including Han Solo, Luke, Leia and even Chewbacca. J.J. Abrams is taking over the direction of this beloved series, though not much of the story has been released. This has only added to the suspense of die-hard fans, regular moviegoers and, of course, Hope students. We'll see if Hope students return to campus after Christmas trying to move snow piles with the Force.



The broke college student’s guide to free things



Thanks to the price tag to attend Hope College each semester, most of us live in a world of rapidly diminishing bank accounts. What better way to remedy that hole than to fill it with free things courtesy of our academic institution? Follow these guidelines, and, with some determination and digging, you will be well on your way to feeding and clothing yourself without paying so much as an extra penny.

Food

- Most popular: sporting events (usually between women’s and men’s games)
- On-campus groups: keep some of those e-mails from the Activities Fair around just for the events that advertise food.
- On-campus events: The Knapps often host snacks on their back patio and some academic departments will hold meet and greets with food as incentive for students to attend.

Miscellaneous

- If they aren’t giving away a random clothing item, most likely the sporting events are giving away one of the following:
- Water bottles
  - Frisbees
  - Wristbands
  - Pens

Clothing

- Sporting events are the number one venue for starting that free T-shirt collection. The following is a list of items I have personally collected in the last two years at Hope:
- T-shirts
  - Hats
  - Sunglasses
  - Shorts
  - Tank Tops
  - Jerseys
  - Scarves

Tips

If you live in a cottage or apartment and fill out both your roommate and community agreements by Sept. 30, you will be entered to win a free TV.

Check screens in Phelps and Cook for advertisements.

Get to events early, and don’t leave right away.

Hope’s social media accounts to follow:  
Instagram:  
@hopedewcrew, @hopeathletics, @hope\_languages, @hopecollege  
Twitter:  
@HopeDewCrew, @PresKnapp, @HopeAthletics, @HopeCollege, @HopeGameDay

Sporting events are the most popular venue for collecting free items. For you non-sports fans people out there, don’t be afraid to show up and get your freebies; it doesn’t hurt to show some Hope spirit in the process!  
Keep it classy, and cheap, Hope College.  
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## Now introducing: Humans of Hope



Photo By Gabrielle Werner

"I am proud that I got a job on campus. I am studying at Hope College. I'm surviving, even though I am away from home, it's been six years now being away from home. But at the same time, I still have a close relationship with my family, and I have good friends. I am so blessed by God and everything is just so perfect. Of course there were a lot of difficulties, but with the help of God, I am here now. I'm proud to be God's child; there is nothing to be proud of but proud to be God's child."



Photo By Gabrielle Werner

"I just got out of class, and this is somewhere to relax in silence I guess. The door was open so, it's kinda funny, but I like to think of the church as somewhere you can go just as a sanctuary. So I might as well, just sitting in the back and hang out for a bit. It's a change of environment. I mean we're on Hope campus and it's mid day, so there are a lot of people walking around, a lot of noise. Its kind of nice to wind down for a bit somewhere quiet."

## Death penalty for Dylann Roof

### Does the murder of nine innocent people deserve to live?



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Dylann Roof is now one of the most tarnished and ignominious names in America. The 21-year-old shot and killed nine parishioners at the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina earlier this year, hoping to incite a race war. Disgusting and terrifying as his racist ideologies are, on which we can all agree, he is now being sought after to die by death penalty by prosecutors in South Carolina. My opinion on death penalty, in this particular case and in general, is turbid and unclear and often some days I lean towards the death penalty – and others, not so much.

South Carolina prosecutors claim that his killings were "the ultimate crime," which entails that he deserves "the ultimate punishment." Presumably, this means he must pay with his life. The issue of death penalty prosecutions and sentencings are difficult, however, as they become mixed in a variety of economic, spiritual, moral and philosophical discussions which all revolve around whether a criminal deserves to lose their one precious life. In some cases, certainly, persons have been framed and killed and later found to be innocent of the crime for which they were accused. In those cases, death penalty may be an unfortunate and all-too-human error of our justice system.

However, Roof's sentencing is clear cut. The question then becomes: does he get to live his life in jail (which will probably be the case), rotting forever with no chance of leaving, or does he die here and now? Personally, to me, the idea of a life in jail is more terrifying than being sentenced to death. Imagine being behind gray bars as your hair slowly grays and falls out. Behind gray walls and gray ceilings and under those flickering fluorescent bulbs with your dripping bathroom in your drab and dark bedroom, as the world spins on, hating you for what you have done until you pass away unloved and alone. This is the reality which Roof faces.

If he were to be sentenced to death, it would destroy the opportunity for him to change his beliefs and ideologies of his actions and come to be a more moral and loving individual. In which case, he would nonetheless serve his life in prison and continue to rot until his time on this planet has run out. The only difference would be that he regretted his actions.

Is one life in prison or death more redeeming? More gratifying? Both are expensive, though prosecutions for death penalties tend to be exponentially higher (by millions and millions of dollars) than the cost of being sentenced to life in prison.

Costs aside, it makes no difference for me whether he dies in prison or he dies by state ordered chemical poisoning. Either way, it's expensive. Either way, he has committed disgusting, terrible crimes. And either way, he will, like all of us, die. In fact, I may even argue that it is more moral to drop the death penalty because it is, quite simply, so expensive. This would appease those who would fund a counter towards the prosecutor, keeping money in their pockets, as well as the states' own pockets. Then, too, he may come to see how horrendous his deeds were while still alive in those gray jail walls.

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# An internship column: Fighting discrimination within the American justice system with Illinois Innocence Project

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Guest Columnist



After a year in which police brutality against African-Americans and horrific acts of racism became prominent topics in the news across our country, I was left to ponder my place in a society that is still filled with prejudice and inequality. As a white, Christian male, I lack the perspective and pain that is felt by many Americans who identify within a minority demographic. I have always prided myself in the openness and love I extend to people of other cultures, races and religions. However, after considering the tragedies of the past year I felt helpless and ashamed that I lived in a country where injustice against the innocent still occurs on a daily basis. It angered me that some of my most loyal and loving childhood friends were still judged because of the color of their skin. I also quickly realized that no pain or anger I felt could ever eradicate the injustices still present in our country or match the burden that all minorities in America must carry every single

day. Therefore, I believe it is my duty as one of relative privilege to work against the unfairness that continues to plague our society.

This winter, a member of my congregation at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL introduced me to the Illinois Innocence Project (IIP) where he had volunteered. IIP is a non-profit organization that works to free wrongly convicted felons. Working for the IIP excited me not only because it would provide me with great experience in my pursuit to become a lawyer, but also because it would provide me the opportunity to right some of the wrongs that occur in America's imperfect justice system.

I quickly learned that working with the IIP would be challenging and would require me to enter every day with a focused and open mind. Most of my work consisted of reviewing case files and evaluating them based on the evidence presented

by the state and the defense at court. With no clear way to determine whether a person is innocent or guilty, I was forced to make decisions based on police reports and ten-year-old trial transcripts. While most of the prisoners that send their cases to the IIP are guilty, it is clear that there are also plenty who are victims of an overzealous and narrow-minded state. Working with the IIP has taught me that even people who dedicate their lives to serving justice and morality can be blinded by prejudice. This prejudice leads district attorneys, detectives and police officers to jump to conclusions and assume that a man is a danger to society because the man lives in a poverty-stricken area or has a different color skin. This same prejudice leads juries to walk into a court room and immediately view the man in the defendant chair as the bad guy.

While evaluating cases at the IIP, I could not help but notice the overwhelming amount of

cases sent by men and women of the African-American and Hispanic communities. This immediately made me question the prominence of white privilege in America and my role in working towards ending this injustice. At first I wanted to point fingers at the white man and the creation of a society in which one race is favored above all others; however, this led me to the conclusion that my very existence as a white man lessened the quality of life for other races and genders. This idea frightened me and I pushed myself to reevaluate. Finally, I came to the conclusion that, while I could not change the course of American history, the legacy of slavery and the pre-existing prejudices within our society, my individual efforts to build relationships with people of different upbringings and my attempts to reason with and change the minds of those who view the world with prejudice could inspire other people like me to do the same.

Small changes can lead to bigger changes and, while I know that police brutality and racism will not end tomorrow, it is my duty as a Christian and an American to work towards that change.

My work with the IIP has given me a unique opportunity to fight discrimination and imperfections in the American justice system. The IIP has taught me that things are very rarely as they seem at first and that, in order to gain a deeper understanding of the world, we must ask difficult questions and search for challenging answers. I am proud to be pursuing a career in law and my work with the IIP has proven to me that it is possible to make a positive impact on people's lives within the career I have chosen. Most importantly, my work with the IIP has reaffirmed my convictions that all human beings are equal under God and that our love for one another is an essential aspect of our existence.

## A modern guide to the art of flirting

It seems that there is a lot that goes into forming relationships these days. Websites and apps, like EHarmony and Tinder, can help quicken the process by allowing one to meet far more people than they would in a lifetime, but it is never -the-less a daunting task. Not only do you have to be good person, you also have to wear the right clothes and display the right body posture to communicate the proper signal. It almost makes me wish that I'd taken up my grandparents' offer to set me up in an arranged marriage. But if there's one thing that is absolutely essential to this process, it is flirting. It's part of that initial encounter that gets the chemistry going. However, flirting can be difficult so here are some tips that I've come up with from the internet.

1. They say that the eyes are the gateway to soul, so it's important to make eye contact and to never break it at any moment. Just keeping staring and fight that urge to blink until you cry...then keep on staring. The moment you look away is the moment they disappear.

2. A good conversation topic can really help when flirting. Always talk about something you know well and that you think that other person is interested in. One great thing to talk about is yourself. Let them know about how great you are and all well-formulated opinions that you have on everything.

3. Body posture can help express that you are interested in the person. However, a better way to send a less confusing message to a person of interest

is to simply state that you are interested in that person or you could also make a shirt saying you're single and you're interested in that person. There's no such thing as being too forward.

4. Remember to never relax. You're looking for a serious relationship so they should be as well. The other person will most likely be impressed by how stern you are and want to get know you better.

5. Call your grandparents and ask them if it's not too late to arrange a marriage for you. This will delight your grandparents and then you can skip all the silly nonsense that goes into forming a relationship. Relationships are difficult and life is so much easier when you let others make decisions for you.



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# Habitually Hope: The heart of Illinois



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**Tremont, Illinois**

**Population:** 2,100

**Famous for:** The Turkey Festival

**School Mascot:** Turkey

**Time it takes to drive one lap around the main streets:** 5 minutes

I've spent most of my life living in Tremont, Illinois a.k.a. small town America. My parents, grandparents, and great grandparents all live next door to each other; my dad's entire family lives in Tremont, and

my mom's family is no farther than a 45-minute drive. I grew up close to my great, and great-great, aunts and uncles, and the distinction between first and second cousins is minimal.

As senior year of high school rolled around, however, I was bound and determined to get out of Tremont. I wanted to experience more than Central Illinois, and I found myself five hours away on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan to begin a new chapter of life as a college student.

As charming as it is, Holland couldn't pacify my big-city jitters. I spent a month living in Boston, six weeks in Cape Town, South Africa and travelled to many cities across the U. S. The vibrancy of the city captured my heart, and I didn't want to settle for anything less.

Tremont?

Who cares?

Small towns mean little opportunity, right?

Where's the culture?

The ambition?

There's a cornfield in the middle of town for goodness' sake!

Thoughts like those pervaded my mindset about small towns as a whole. When my fiancé Nolan and I started talking about places to live after graduation, the last place I wanted to be was in or near Tremont.

All of those thoughts receded in the past two weeks. I received a phone call that my great grandpa unexpectedly passed away the weekend before classes began. After making the five-hour drive home, I was solemnly overjoyed when I pulled down my quiet street and saw my family all together outside between my grandparents' and great grandparents' homes. Even at 9 p.m., the entire street was lined with cars from family and close friends.

As I sat around my grandma's kitchen table, listening to people swap stories about her "tatas falling out" while boating, reminiscing on my great grandpa's incredible diligence working on antique tractors, and teas-

ing my grandpa about the time my 10-year-old cousin fixed his boat after he had been working on it for weeks, I realized that I couldn't spend years without hearing their laughter. Nights in fellowship around my grandma's kitchen table are something I can't easily dismiss from my schedule. Moving across the country wasn't calling my name.

Tremont doesn't stand out because it has big buildings and concert halls; it has earned its place on the map for the small-town pride of its citizens. In Tremont, you can walk into Beecham's Grocery Store and know that your child will receive a free slice of cheese just for tagging along. Full-service gas stations are a novelty today, especially ones where you can keep a family tab, but not in Tremont. I can go fill up with gas at Gibby's Citgo, tell them to charge it to my grandpa, and they'll know exactly where to send the bill.

My family binge watches "Duck Dynasty," drives big trucks, and supports local farm-

ers. They're volunteer EMTs and firefighters. And we all love Tremont, Illinois.

Nolan and I are going to live in Peoria when we are married, so we will get a bit of a taste for the city, but we will never be more than a 30-minute drive from Tremont where his family lives as well.

I used to be embarrassed to admit that I was a small-town girl, but not anymore. My family and experiences have made me the woman I am and want to be. I may not ever live in the big city of my dreams, but I will never regret my decision to spend my first years out of college back in Central Illinois. There's a reason that region is coined "the heart of Illinois." It's more than a conglomeration of podunk towns: it's where my heart is and where I'm excited to begin the next chapter of my life.

Are you from a small town?

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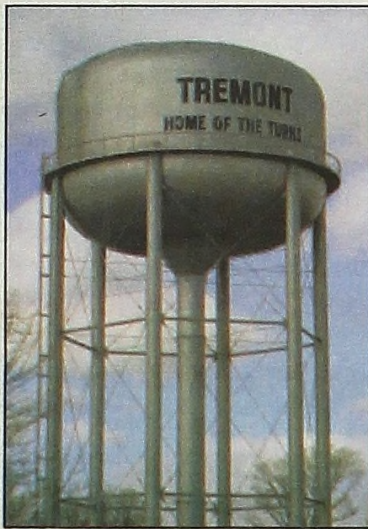


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**VIEWS OF TREMONT, ILLINOIS—** From left to right; the small fishing pond outside of Tremont; the town water tower; tractors lined up for the local antique tractor pull.

## Sporty Spice: My passion for The Anchor



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I'm not usually a sappy, emotional individual. I'm very chill, very laid-back. If you see me around campus, I'll say something like, "wassup," then flash an ironic peace sign in your direction. From an outsider's perspective, I probably come off as too lackadaisical. I don't look like I care, therefore, I do not care.

Wrong.

I care about a lot of things. I care about things far too deeply. Manchester United (and soccer in general) is one of those things. I'm a die-hard United fan, through and through. Ask me anything and I'll shoot an answer back in seconds flat. I know my stats, my rosters, my legends.

I have not one, but three United jerseys hanging in my closet with another being saved up for in my piggy bank.

I'm not a plastic fan. I'm not a glory hunter. Call me what you want, I don't care. As the great Manchester United legend Cristiano Ronaldo once said, "Your love makes me strong. Your hate makes me stronger."

But as much as I love the Red Devils of Old Trafford, they aren't the sole purpose of this column. Much like soccer, I care very deeply about The Anchor and each of our staff members.

Over the summer, while my wonderful co-editor Hope Hancock (see above) was in South Africa, she entrusted me with hiring new staff members all on my own. This was a daunting task, especially considering we had 10 open positions and over 20 applicants. I'd never hired someone before. How was I supposed to hire nearly an entire staff?

These were not easy decisions to make. I had to say no to some really good applicants. But looking at everyone sitting in The

Anchor office tonight during our weekly Monday night production night, I can't help but feel a sense of pride.

As I've told these characters on staff endlessly, The Anchor is a family. We're one of the most inclusive, welcoming groups of people on campus. Even though I've only known some of these people for a few weeks, I can already say I'd take a bullet for each and every one of them. They are my family, and nobody how crazy they drive me, I love them.

When reading through a newspaper, it's so easy for us to pass by the bylines and forget there is at least one person behind each of the articles and photos on the pages. You may read a name and automatically associate them with the image of a boring journalist typing away at a computer, or even worse, you may see them as lowly, apathetic college students. I can assure you, not one person on our staff fits into either of these molds.

We have some of the goofiest people on The Anchor staff.

They are also some of the kindest, smartest, most talented students on our campus. We even have a swimmer. (Need I say more?)

Somehow, all of our varied personalities and interests and backgrounds blend together in an unexplainable way that can only be attributed to something I call "journalistic magic." When you're forced to spend countless hours a week with the same people, in the same office, doing the same things, you're bound to form a special bond and get ridiculously close.

While I've made my fair share of friends at this school through other activities, I will ever be able to form a bond with anyone quite like the bonds I have with this staff. We see each other at our best and our absolute worst. Believe me, when you're in this office until 2 a.m. struggling to tackle the many difficulties of Adobe InDesign, you're at your worst. If you ever see an Anchor staff member in your class Tuesday morning, take pity on them. There's no doubt they've had a rough night.

I'd like to take this moment to give a brief shout-out to the world news section. They had this wonderful phantom text box situation with InDesign tonight that was seemingly impossible to solve. Hours of laying out a page, waiting for copy edits, fixing the page and waiting for more edits, only to have the struggle of a lifetime randomly infiltrate their page at 1 a.m.

Thank you, Swain and Idil, for pulling through and not giving up on your section. World looks great this week. Good work.

So as you can see, we at The Anchor have very difficult jobs. We devote our lives to this paper day in and day out, hoping to make a difference on campus. It's that hope that pulls us through the long nights and the lack of paychecks (though we do get a stipend at the end of the semester).

We make this paper for you, our readers, whether you're on campus, across the country, or across the globe. It can be an extremely hard job at times, but let me tell you, there's laughter in all the pain.



## Deflategate: Set the record straight

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Sunday, Sept. 13 will mark the beginning of regular season play for the National Football League this season. Players will lace up their cleats, strap on their shoulder pads and prepare to fight for glory on the fields of battle. The New England Patriots will be rallying behind their long-time starting quarter-back Tom Brady. Any other year, this wouldn't be surprising to anybody; Brady has for a long time been considered one of the best quarter-backs in football, leading his team to four Super Bowl championships, and earning two Super Bowl MVP awards. However, the questions to his starting this season don't come from a lack of ability but from a recent suspension handed out from NFL Commissioner Rodger Goodell.

On Jan. 18, 2015, the Indianapolis Colts headed to Massachusetts to face off at Gillette Stadium against the New England Patriots in the American Football Conference Championship game. The winner of this game traveled to the Super Bowl game to fight for the right to be considered as the best team in football for that year. The Patriots were favored by seven points by experts coming into the game but nobody could foresee the events that would occur. The Patriots came out on fire in the game, jumping to an early lead, ahead 17-7 by halftime and winning the game a total of 45-7. However, an interception by Colts defensive player D'Qwell Jackson lead to an interesting discovery.

In what would later come to be known as "Deflategate," a question arose as to whether or not the footballs being used by the Patriots were fully inflated. Each team in an NFL football game has its own set of balls to be used: for the Patriots, that number was 12 footballs. The NFL has strict regulation rules for these footballs, including the exact pounds per square-inch each ball needed to be. After the



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**A SKETCHY SITUATION—** A courtroom artist's depiction of Tom Brady during the early days of his court appeal.

game, it became known that 11 out of the 12 footballs used by the NFL were almost two pounds per square-inch under inflated, making the football easier to throw, and easier to grab and catch.

An investigation was launched by the NFL into the matter. Meanwhile, fans exploded. Many from New England were adamant that Brady, a hero to them, was completely innocent, while football fans from other parts of the U.S. demanded fines, vacated victory or suspensions. The investigation focused on a Patriots locker room attendant, often being referred to as "the locker room guy." The investigation blew up national news as well, even being featured in a bit by Jimmy Kimmel. Brady claimed innocence, however, it had to be noted that, the quarter-back is the player who handles the ball the most, if anyone were to know about the footballs being deflated, it would be him.

As eyes turned to Goodell for his ruling, many looked down at

the Commissioner because of a previous ruling about running-back Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens. Footage was leaked of Rice assaulting his then fiancée in an elevator, knocking her out and dragging her out of the elevator. He was initially suspended for only two games, however, he later was suspended indefinitely by the NFL and dropped by the Ravens. The charges were dropped by his fiancée, who later still married Rice. Rice appealed to a court, who ruled in his favor, overriding Goodell's punishment and allowing Rice to be signed by an NFL team.

However, coach Bill Belichick of the Patriots also had a history to be considered in this case. Most notably, in 2007, Belichick was caught videotaping the New York Jets practice in order to know what the other team was preparing and trying to communicate in the game. This course of action was quite obviously sneaky and illegal by NFL rules and Belichick himself was fined \$500,000, which was the largest

fine in NFL history up to that point, and the Patriots organization was fined \$250,000. He was also accused in the past of stealing teams' signs, and not long before the Deflategate scandal, using illegal formations in a victory over the Ravens.

Taking all of this into account, Goodell decided to go with what was considered a steep punishment for the crimes committed. The Patriots organization was fined \$1 million and Brady was to be suspended for the first four games of the 2015-2016 NFL regular season, which was two games longer than Rice was initially suspended for a domestic assault. Brady, following the example set by Rice before him, took this to court in an attempt to get this ruling overturned. From this point in time, we fast-forward to Sept. 3, 2015, the day that Judge Richard Berman gave his final ruling on this appeal.

After multiple days in court, Judge Berman ruled in favor of Brady and the NFL Players Association vacating Brady's suspension. Many analysts and other NFL players back the judge's decision, claiming that the slightly deflated balls had no real presence in the blowout game and that the punishment was far too steep for the crime committed. All of this put Goodell under more pressure than he was already in. Many are calling for Goodell to step down from his commissioner position saying that he doesn't know how to use his power or possibly that it has gone to his head.

What happens next is anyone's guess but fans of the Patriots and the lucky few who took Brady in their Fantasy Football drafts with a late pick can rest easily knowing the football gods are looking on them in their infinite wisdom and smiling in their favor.

### THIS WEEK IN HOME SPORTS

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| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>Volleyball</b><br>vs Albion at 6:30 p.m.  | <b>Sept. 9</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>Men's soccer</b><br>vs North Central (Ill.) at 7 p.m.  | <b>Sept. 11</b> |
| <b>Volleyball</b><br>vs Alma at 6:30 p.m.  |                 |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>Women's soccer</b><br>vs Adrian at 12 p.m.<br><b>Football</b><br>vs Elmhurst at 1 p.m.<br><b>Men's soccer</b><br>vs Aurora at 4 p.m. | <b>Sept. 12</b> |

### IN BRIEF

#### RECORD SETTING RETURN

Community Day was highlighted once again this year with a football game between the Hope College Flying Dutchmen and the Fighting Scots of Monmouth College. The contest ended with Hope trailing by 12 points. However, the Dutchmen had flashes of brilliance. Most notably, late in the third quarter kick returner Chris Leigh ('17) ran himself into the record books with a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The previous record of 90 yards, held by Andy Snyder, was set against Tri-state in 2004. The Dutchmen will look for their first win this season next week when they take on Elmhurst College on the road.

#### YOUNG GUNS SHOW UP

Murphy Stadelmaier ('19) lead the Flying Dutch to a tough road-win on Saturday against Ohio Northern College netting her first two career goals in the 32nd and 48th minutes. Both goals were the product of corner kicks. Rachel Braginton ('19) opened the Dutch's campaign against Northern with a goal in the 21st minute, assisted by an expert long ball from Eliza Beird ('19), one of her three assists. Mary Clare Theis ('19) recorded her second shutout of the season with three saves. The young trio lead Hope to their second road win, improving their record to 3-0 overall and will open conference play this week.

#### GRASMAYER REACHES SEMI-FINALS

Jenna Grasmeyer ('15), recent graduate of Hope and star of last season's national-championship volleyball team, has been selected as one the NCAA's top 30 women of the year. Grasmeyer paired her incredible skill on the volleyball court with stellar academic performance as well as numerous community service and volunteering experiences. Nine finalists, three from each division, will be named for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award at the end of September. The winner will be announced at a ceremony in Indianapolis on Oct. 18.



CARTOON COURTESY OF ROB TORNOE

**THE CULMINATION—** The Patriots' victory in Superbowl XLIX marked the end of a season marred by allegations of foul play.



# Invitational sports bring weekend wins

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This past weekend marked the beginning for many sports here at Hope College. Among these are the group sports of cross country and golf. Unlike most sports, these are not decided in a battle between two teams but rather a competition involving usually 8-10, where individuals are scored separately but then brought together to decide winning teams.

The first of these competitions went into full swing on Friday when the women's golf team began the Carthage Tournament in Bristol, Wisconsin. At the end of day one, they found themselves shooting a combined 322, only three strokes behind first place Carthage College. Britni Gielow ('17) shot a 78, landing herself individually tied for fourth place overall and Nicole Meyer shot a 79, finding herself tied for seventh.

The event culminated on Saturday when after the second day of play, Hope finished third overall with a 656, four strokes behind second place St. Xavier College and 21 strokes behind first place Carthage. Meyer ('18) placed highest for Hope, tying for fifth with a two-day individual score of 156.

Men's golf headed to Olivet



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**MOB MENTALITY—** Men's cross country runners kick off their race in a scrum along with runners from multiple other teams

College to play in another two-day event. The Lou Collins Memorial Tournament.

The men took to the tees on Friday, finishing the first round in fourth out of ten teams by shooting a combined 298. This left the Flying Dutchmen 10 over par and nine strokes behind first-place Calvin College. Leading the way for the Dutchmen were Winton Munch ('17) and Kevin Cross ('16), both shooting a 74, which earned them a tie for 15th place at the conclusion of round one.

On Saturday, Hope shot a 303, landing them in fifth place overall, ending 25 strokes over par. Kade Hoeksema ('18) had the overall highest score for Hope, shooting 149 overall, and

finding himself tied for 16th.

Saturday kicked off the cross-country invitational for Hope. Both the men and the women headed over to the Ridge Point Church course to compete in the 50th annual Vanderbilt invitational. The Vanderbilt has been Hope's home invitational for 50 years.

The women took their first-place victory with a perfect total combined score of 15 points, after sweeping the top five finishes. Erin Herrmann ('17) took first with a time of 18:33.4. Second place was Sarah Neumar ('19), followed by Julia Stock ('16), then Avery Lowe ('19) and finally Emily Hamilton ('19). Rachel Webb ('18) and Emily Joosse ('17) took seventh and

eighth place, giving Hope every top finish outside of sixth place.

The men finished off the sweep, scoring a total of 23 points, 30 points ahead of second place Cornerstone University, with four top five finishers. Ben Zank ('16) took first overall in the event with a time of 16:00.6. Runner Connor Stevens ('17) from Adrian College took second place followed by three runners from Hope finishing out the top five: Tyler Brinks ('17) in third, Joseph Beemer ('16) in fourth and Benjamin Pederson ('18) in fifth.

Though these are only the first few events of the season, the future is looking bright for Hope's golf and cross country teams. Stay tuned for results

from all of Hope's fall sports all season long.

Both golf teams swing back into action this week with, the men on Wednesday in the first MIAA jamboree of the year hosted by Albion College. The women have to wait a few more days to continue their hot streak. They will travel next to Olivet to compete in their invitational.

The cross-country teams will look to build off a strong start on Saturday when they head to Grand Rapids for the Calvin Invitational.

It looks like no matter what the format of the competition, Hope fall sports are geared up for serious success. Get ready for a wild ride. Fire Up Dutch.

## Men's soccer 1-1 in weekend tournament

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The seven-time winners of the Cal Bergsma Memorial Tournament failed to make it eight this weekend as the Hope men's soccer team went one-for-one against their opponents.

With a win against Grace Bible College in their season opener on Sept. 1, Hope was looking to bring their momentum into their weekend games, but that was halted by the Saints from The College of St. Scholastica.

It was the second start of the season for Hope goalkeeper Joseph "Jojo" Fifer ('18), who previously only tallied up 13 minutes of playtime last season. Having not conceded a goal in his game against Grace Bible, Coach Smith made the tactical decision to start Fifer for a second

game in a row.

St. Scholastica showed no mercy on the sophomore, slotting three goals past him before he was subbed out at the half for fellow keeper Sam Barthel ('16).

The first goal of the game came from a penalty kick in the 16th minute. Hope fouled on their opponents, giving way for St. Scholastica's Tom Corcoran to place the ball past Fifer without any noticeable difficulties. It was the first goal Fifer had conceded in his collegiate career. Unfortunately for him, it wouldn't be the only one that night.

Two minutes later and the second came in, this time by Kyle Farrar. Within the five minutes between Farrar's goal and the next, Hope made three substitutions, surprisingly none in the defense. Two shots came



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**GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME—** Michael Johns ('16) goes up for the header against Illinois Wesleyan University as keeper Sam Barthel ('16) prepares for the inevitable.

from St. Scholastica's Shawayne Folkes before making a successful third in the 23rd minute.

A change in playing style struck the Dutchmen for the rest of the half. Playing more aggressively, Hope managed five shots to the Saint's four. Despite the opportunities present on both sides, the ball stayed out of the net until the second half.

The halftime clock ran out and a new set of gloves came onto the pitch in the form of Barthel, whom Coach Smith hoped would be a better shot-stopper against their overpowering competitors. In the end, while Barthel may have only conceded two goals to Fifer's three, both keepers were equal in their amounts of saves – four each.

The Dutchmen starting XI came out looking like the fresh-

er team and they proved that by scoring a goal in both the 48th and 50th minutes; the former from Jared Wondergem ('19) and the latter by Ryan Woodside ('19).

Hope experienced déjà vu in the 65th minute when they gave St. Scholastica yet another chance to score a penalty. Corcoran stepped up for the second time and proved his skill by taking his team up to four on the board.

Adding salt to the wound, the Saints cemented their victory in the 72nd minute with a goal off a deflection by Jonny Winter.

The Dutchmen brushed off the dirt from their Friday loss and went into Saturday with a clear mission to defeat Illinois Wesleyan University at all costs.

Barthel claimed his first start of the season, replacing Fifer for

the first-choice spot while their normal starter, Ethan Beswick ('16), is not available for undisclosed reasons.

An uneasy feeling swept through the Hope faithful when Illinois Wesleyan scored the first goal of the night in the fifth minute. It looked as if the Dutchmen were going to battle through another tough night until Wondergem scored off a deflection and leveled the score line in the 11th minute.

The fans weren't off the hook, though. They wanted nothing more than to see the home side win or at least score another goal. Their team didn't ease up the tension until the 83rd minute when Christian Dault ('19) knocked one in to save the team from a tie or, even worse, a loss.

All-in-all, the freshmen seem to be making a good transition into the team. There will always be hiccups when a roster adds 15 players who've never seen collegiate soccer before, but these new faces are showing a great deal of promise. Three have already made the scoreboard and there is no doubt more will follow.

It's a new era for Hope men's soccer and by the looks of it, they'll fair just fine.

The Dutchmen are back in action next Friday, Sept. 11, against North Central College. They will take their talents on the road as they look to get their freshmen more play time.

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